

**Decision Record and Finding of No Significant Impact
for
Teton Gravity Research**

I. Decision

It is my decision to issue a Minimum Impact Filming Permit to Teton Gravity Research (TGR). The permit will authorize TGR to film skiers and snow boarders on Bureau of Land Management (BLM) administered public lands near Haines, Alaska, from March 21, 2001, to April 15, 2001. Mitigation measures identified for the Proposed Action in the environmental consequences section of the attached environmental assessment (EA) have been formulated into stipulations. This decision incorporates by reference the attached stipulations.

II. Rationale for the Decision

The decision to allow the Proposed Action does not result in any undue or unnecessary environmental degradation. TGR's Plan of Operations with the attached stipulations will protect wildlife. This is a unique opportunity to showcase public lands to an audience, without additional impact.

III. Finding of No Significant Impact

Based on the analysis of potential environmental impacts contained in the attached environmental assessment, I have determined that the impacts are not expected to be significant and an environmental impact statement is not required..

IV. ANILCA Section 810 Compliance

No significant restrictions of subsistence use under Section 810 of the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act have been identified for the Proposed Action

/s/ Clinton Hanson, Acting
Anchorage Field Manager

March 20, 2001
Date

Attachments:

Stipulations
Environmental Assessment AK 040-01-008

STIPULATIONS
for
Teton Gravity Research Minimum Impact Filming Permit

1. The Permittee will adhere to the flight path restrictions on the attached map titled Teton Gravity Research 2001 March-April Film Permit.
2. The Permittee will follow procedures as outlined in the Plan of Operations submitted with the application.
3. The Permittee will give the Bureau of Land Management a location credit in their film.
4. The Permittee will defend, indemnify and hold the United States, it assigns, agents, employees, representatives and successors in interest harmless from and against any and all actions, fees, for injury to or death of any person, persons, or property arising in connection with and as a direct result of the Permittee's activities, included but not limited to United States negligence, if any, in failing to recognize or remedy a hazardous condition existing on public lands.
5. The Permittee will immediately report any cultural and/or paleontological resource (historic or prehistoric site or object) discovered by the Permittee, or any person working on his behalf, on public or Federal land to the Authorized Officer. The Permittee will suspend all operations in the immediate area of such discovery until written authorization to proceed is issued by the Authorized Officer. An evaluation of the discovery will be made by the Authorized Officer to determine appropriate actions to prevent the loss of significant cultural or scientific values. The Permittee will be responsible for the cost of evaluation and any decision as to proper mitigation measures will be made by the Authorized Officer after consulting with the Permittee.
6. The Permittee shall comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000d et seq.) and the regulations of the Secretary of the Interior pursuant thereto.